

MDA Camp

The 2005 MDA Summer Camp took place during the week of June 20th at Happy Hollow Camp in beautiful Brown County. The camp allows young people with MDA and other related neuromuscular diseases to come together to learn more about their condition, to receive special services, and most importantly to have fun with similar kids experiencing similar things. This year the MDA Camp had a "Survivor" theme. Bruce and Keith were asked to make mailboxes for the different groups or tribes to receive daily mail during the week such as the different types

Right: MDA campers

Below: Bruce leading activities at MDA Summer Camp



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cost for a child to attend", says Mark Koopman, Executive Director of Hoosier Burn Camp. "This is a chance for kids to have a safe, fun-filled, life-enriching experience that they may not otherwise get. Or as one camper put it, 'It's the best week of my whole year!'"

**- Captain Tony Collins
Hoosier Burn Camp Counselor**

of tree mailboxes that have been on the various episodes of the Survivor TV show. Bruce and Keith provided instructions and guidance on constructing mailboxes from 2x6s and the kids decorated the boxes however they wanted. To say the least, they were very creative mailboxes. We had a great sunny day and the kids had a great time constructing their masterpieces. The day was topped with eating lunch with the campers. Bruce and Keith had a great time with the campers.

Thanks MDA for having us!!

Spotlight



Captain Capshaw's relaxed approach to command.



**HBC
Ride and
Visitors'
Day 2005**

AY! WHAT'S-A-MOTTO WITH YOU? IT'S A CONTEST!

We are looking for a Department motto. Not just any motto... we need a motto that is a true reflection of who we are as a fire department. Here are three examples of other fire departments: "First in Service to the Community", "Be Nice, Survive", "Value Life, Prevent Harm, Respond Quickly and Respect All".

We can do better, don't you think? The motto will be painted on all of our engines, ambulances, trucks etc. Here are the rules:

1. A motto cannot begin with the word "The".
2. We are looking for something that will be memorable and meaningful to us and to the community.
3. Submit a sheet of paper with your name and your proposed motto to Jan Hope. Jan must receive it by September 2nd.
4. It will be judged by CFD's Implementation Team and the Chief.
5. There will be a nice prize and the pride you will have by being a part of the history of the Carmel Fire Department by creating its' first motto!

Good Luck!

Water Hammer Press

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Happenings

September 12
19th Annual Pumper Cup

October 8
Safety Day

November 11
Fire & Ice Ball

December 7
Clothe-A-Child

December 17
CAP Food & Gift Drive

Promotions

Effective August 7th

Master Firefighters:

FF Rick Castor
FFP Mark Hulett
FF Mike Medlen
FFP Rick Viehe

Shawn Reynolds and his wife Linda are expecting triplets in January 2006. Be sure to contact Shawn if you enjoy babysitting!

2nd Quarter Statistics

EMS Runs	724
Fire Runs	496
Total Runs	1220

Recent Fires

For more fire pictures and information see page 2



Left and above (July 2): Rippling Brook Way fire. Cause still undetermined. Fire started at front left corner of garage. Gas line broken when a wall collapsed due to the fire. Photo (left) taken by a neighbor before CFD arrived on scene.

Hoosier Burn Camp

Early on the morning of June 1st, motorcycle riders left from CFD Station #41 for a ride to Brookston, Indiana, for the 7th annual Hoosier Burn Camp "Visitors Day". The bikes varied as well as the riders, but all had one goal in common; to raise funds for the boys and girls who come to Hoosier Burn Camp at beautiful Camp Tecumseh every year for a week of fun and renewed friendships. "We're grateful for the support of Carmel Fire Department and Local #4444 firefighters' involvement not only during the week of camp but all year long. One of our goals is

to have all career and volunteer fire departments throughout the state involved. Thanks to Fire Departments like Carmel, there is no

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Right: Captain Tony Collins at the award presentations.



Chief's Moment

Is the Carmel Fire Department average? I know most of you feel the same way I do... there is *nothing* average about our Department. We have outstanding personnel, the best equipment necessary to serve our community, superior training, great benefits and we have a community and City administration who insist that the safety of our citizens (and employees) is *the* number one priority.

In 2006, we will embark upon a new personnel evaluation program that will be designed to allow all of us to maintain our dignity, play a distinct and important role in our own evaluation, and make deliberate strides to make the Department and its' employees the best fire department and staff in the State of Indiana. I am eager for all of you to learn about it. We have an Implementation Team in place that is presently in the process of settling the details of the program; they will also evaluate and possibly amend our Mission, Vision and Core Values to fit our plan for the future. I know we have been through several disappointing attempts at personnel evaluations in previous years, however, I am confident that this is very special and we are going to do our utmost to make it special and meaningful to all of you too!

- Fire Chief Doug Callahan

Recent Fires

Tuesday, March 22nd

At 5:54pm, on March 22, firefighters were called to the scene of smoke in a residence at 10702 Valley Dr. First on scene fire personnel saw smoke coming from the roof and sides of the structure. The entire upper level of the residence was full of smoke, visibility was zero. The fire burned through the first floor ceiling, into the second floor, and made its way into the attic and second floor ceiling. Firefighters spent several hours pulling down ceiling and walls to put out the fire.

The source of the fire was determined by investigators to be from food that was left cooking on the stove. No one was home at the time the fire started. Neighbors made the call to the fire department when they saw smoke showing. Four dogs did not survive the heavy smoke filled upstairs where they were located.

Congratulations to Cory Anderson for completing his first house fire investigation.



Left: Valley Drive fire. Damages to structure and contents approximately \$150,000.

Thursday July 21st

As storm tore through our area, the Carmel Fire Department responded to 28 fire and medical emergency calls in two and a half hours. The first of a series of emergency calls came in at 9:55pm. This was the report of a fire in a residence at 413 Mari Way. Four minutes later, came a report of lightning striking a house at 1293 Helford Lane and two minutes after that, came the report of a residential fire alarm at 13501 West Road. By 10:24pm, we had another house fire at 1796 Arrowwood Drive. In between the two fires, we responded to nine fire alarms, three separate reports of the smell of smoke in residences, two reports to investigate homes for a possible fire, and a call of lightning striking a residence, but no fire was visible at that time. By 12:25am we had five more residential alarms, two more residential investigations, two medical emergencies, a vehicle fire, and a gas leak.

Our fire stations were empty, everyone out taking emergency calls, investigating homes with smoke in them, answering alarm calls, etc., all of them potential house fires. While Engine 44, from the station at 131st Street East of Gray Road, was responding to an alarm, the storm blew a tree down and it struck the front of the fire engine breaking out the windshield. The firefighters in the truck were not hurt. Using a chainsaw, they were able to remove the tree from the road. It was at this time that the second residence fire on Arrowwood Drive was reported. A police unit was able to respond trying to assist with all the emergency calls coming in, along with an off duty firefighter. The off duty firefighter confirmed to the other units that

smoke was coming from the roof of the residence, and that everyone had gotten out okay.

Fire information:

413 Mari Way - lightning strike ignited floor behind the fire-place. No injuries. Damage estimated at \$20,000.

985 Arrowwood Dr - lightning strike to the roof. One Noblesville firefighter taken to the hospital for dehydration. Damage to residence and contents estimated at \$150,000.

As we stated before, we sometimes help other cities in our area during emergencies, and they help us. Due to the call of an actual fire, Westfield and Noblesville fire departments were contacted to send assistance. Both Noblesville and Westfield arrived within a very short time of each other, as did Engine 44! The firefighters had removed the tree and the broken windshield, and responded in the storm. Great job Engine #44A Crew. The fire had quickly spread between the roof and the ceiling across the residence. With the combined efforts of all three fire departments, the fire was contained to the roof, and ceiling.

- Lieutenant Bruce Knott
Public Information Officer

Other Fire Photos



Left and below (August 8): Fire at 1153 Helford Lane was caused by a lightning strike.



Below (March 22): 10702 Valley Dr fire.



Above: Arrowwood Dr fire

Training Fires

Countless lives have been saved through the advent of smoke detectors and fire alarm systems. The use of newer and safer heating methods has also reduced the number of fire incidents. It is for these reasons that we conduct live fire training on acquired structures.

CFD conducted two such training evolutions earlier this year. Because a large number of firefighters on the department may only respond to one or two fires a year it is important to try and keep firefighting skills sharp through training. The difficult part of live fire training in an acquired structure is balancing safety and realism. The training staff tries to take the fire to an intensity that will challenge the firefighters without excessive endangerment.

We are fortunate in that the Safety Officer has always volunteered to help with these training sessions. He is relieved of worrying about the training objectives and can focus solely on firefighter safety. The combination has



worked well by providing great training and preventing serious injury. Now if we can just keep firefighter Wes Nicely from burning the house down two days early all the shifts will get the training they need.

- Lieutenant Mark Gugel
Training Director



Top: Training burn at 11711 Crooked Stick Ln on February 26.

Middle: Training burn at 3915 W. 146th St on July 22.

Right: Training burn at 1011 S. Guilford Rd on March 18.



Reggie Bowl

The Carmel Fire Department sent four brave firefighters to compete in the 6th annual Reggie Bowl on Tuesday April 19 at Stardust Bowl in Noblesville. Reggie Bowl is an annual event hosted by Reggie Miller of the Indiana Pacers. It is a bowling tournament that raises money for the Indiana Burn camp and Riley Hospital for Children. A hundred firefighters from around the Indianapolis Metro area were invited as special guests to bowl against the Indiana Pacers. The firefighters from our department were Capt. Jim Spelbring, Capt. Jeff Capshaw, FF Rick Martin, and FF Greg Webb. Our team bowled against 12 other fire departments, a team of Indiana Pacers which included Reggie, Jermaine O'Neal, Dale Davis, Austin Croshere, Scott Pollard, Jeff Foster and several rookies. Several sponsors of the event had teams also. The departments biggest supporter, Chief Doug Dolen of support services, was there as were spouses and friends.

Sorry more firefighters were not able to attend but we were limited to only one guest per bowler. All that attended had a great time. The prizes were awarded for the top 3 teams. They were as follows. 3rd



FF Greg Webb, Capt Jim Spelbring, Capt Jeff Capshaw and FF Rick Martin with Reggie Bowl helpers

place was The Finish Line. 2nd place was Washington Twp. Fire Department, and 1st place was the "CARMEL FIRE DEPARTMENT". We were so thrilled and very surprised. We each received a nice autographed Reggie Miller jersey framed under glass, along with other prizes. Hopefully there will be a team picture and medal in the trophy case at Station 41 in the near future. This was a very special thing to win for all of us because this was the last tournament that Reggie will have. Stop by 41s and see the pictures.

- Captain Jim Spelbring, Safety Officer

FDIC 2005

FDIC is the Fire Department Instructors Conference. Every year fire instructors gather in Indianapolis for one of two conferences dedicated to the development of fire service instruction. What began as simply a forum to educate the educators on the latest techniques in firefighting and instruction has grown into one of the largest trade shows of the year for the Indianapolis area. Firefighters and fire officers come from around the world for a week of learning and networking. Of course, it didn't take long for the firefighting tool and apparatus vendors to realize that this was a gold mine in potential sales. The first four days of the week are devoted solely to training but by Friday and Saturday everyone is ready to explore the latest offerings from the tool and apparatus merchants. Of course no gathering of firefighters would be complete without at least a little bit of after hours adult beverage drinking, so IAFF Local 416 hosts a great party every year complete with a fire engine pulling contest.

- Lieutenant Mark Gugel, Training Director